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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Prior art of record fails to show or fairly suggest a method and a system for determining an identity of a card in card hands at a casino table card game as set forth in independent claims 1 and 24 including but not limited to at least "automatically reading the rank and suit of each card that leaves a dealing shoe", "defining an edge of the at least one hand by the read rank and suit of the at least one card dealt to the player", "providing a signal of at least one of a completion of a hand, a completion of initial hands or completion of first cards having been dealt to all players present at the table by manual activation of a signal by a dealer or automatic signaling from sensing of a card at a signal position", "reading each card placed in the discard rack from the exhausted hands to determine rank and suit of each card placed in the discard rack", and "reconciling the cards placed in the discard rack with the cards that left the dealing shoe".

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kim Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-

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4441. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday during business

hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Xuan Thai, can be reached on 571-272-7147. The central official fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Date: May 12, 2006

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